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SUBJECT: CONSULAR STAFFING

REF: (A) ASUNCION 1507, (B) STATE 105044

1. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS REASONS FOR NOT ASSIGNING TDY
CONSULAR OFFICER TO SUBSTITUTE FOR FINNEGAN DURING
HIS EXTENDED HOME LEAVE. COMMERCIAL OFFICER KACHMAR
WILL FILL IN FOR THE DURATION.

2. SINCE KACHMAR IS THE ONLY OTHER OFFICER AT POST
ABLE TO HANDLE CONSULAR WORK, WE PROPOSE THAT JUNIOR
POLITICAL OFFICER BURTON BE ASSIGNED TO WASHINGTON ON
TDY TO TAKE CONSULAR TRAINING AT FSI. BURTON UNFORTU-
NATELY WAS NOT GIVEN THIS TRAINING PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE
FOR ASUNCION, HIS FIRST POST. THIS WOULD GIVE US A
DEGREE OF BACKSTOPPING WE NOW LACK, AND WHICH WILL BE
CRITICAL WHILE FINNEGAN IS ON LEAVE. BURTON IS AVAIL-
ABLE FOR FOUR WEEK COURSE AFTER JULY 4. ASSUME DEPT
WILL FUND HIS TRAVEL AND PERDIEM.

3. RE STAFFING GAPS IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION
(LAST PARA, STATE 105044), THE EMBASSY IS ENCOURAGED
TO LEARN THAT RELIEF SO URGENTLY NEEDED MAY BE IN
SIGHT AND WILL AWAIT FURTHER WORD FROM THE DEPT.
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